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## PUC APPROVES TRANSMISSION LINE FOR PG&E TO ENSURE ELECTRICITY RELIABILITY AND SPEED CLOSURE OF HUNTER'S POINT POWER PLANT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2, 2004 – The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC), in its ongoing efforts to ensure reliable electricity transmission, today approved Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) request for a permit to construct a 115 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line and associated substation modifications in San Francisco.

The underground transmission line will run approximately 2.5 miles between the Hunter's Point Power Plant and Potrero Power Plant. The line will improve reliability and better serve San Francisco's electric load.

In addition, the project provides one more of the components needed to speed closure of the Hunter's Point Power Plant. Earlier this year, the Commission approved the Jefferson-Martin transmission upgrade, which is another significant component that will contribute to closing the Hunter's Point Power Plant.

The Commission determined that any potentially significant environmental impacts of the new Potrero project can be eliminated or mitigated to less than significant levels with implementation of the Mitigation and Monitoring Plan approved as part of today's decision.

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